

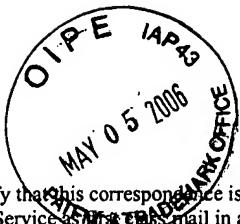
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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 12, 2006 on the above-referenced application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

**Rejection of claims 18-27 over Moilanen et al. (US 2002/0193698) in view of Kharitonov et al. (*Monaldi Arch. Chest Dis.* 1996, 51(6), pp. 533-537)**

This rejection is respectfully traversed. Moilanen et al. explicitly state that their disclosure presents two “basic ideas” -- see paragraph [0015] on page 2 of the publication. The first of these “basic ideas” is the measurement and control of the exhalation flow rate to hold it at a “predetermined value,” and the second is the collection of data at a number of different flow